

News briefs

Major selections

The following Spangdahlem Air Base members found out Thursday of their selection for major:

Cpts. John Lyons, Thomas McAtee and John Wilson, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Michael Geer, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Darrell Williams, 52nd Comptroller Squadron; Julie Wende, 52nd Fighter Wing; Glen Fisher and Kathryn Weiss, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; Thomas Ballard, 52nd Mission Support Squadron; Michael A. Bruzzini and Robert Ricker, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; Robert Chavez, 81st Fighter Squadron; Russell Hayes, 606th Air Control Squadron and Benny Landfair II, 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands.

Savings bonds campaign

Unit savings bond program officers are available through June 30 to answer questions and help military and civilian members sign up during the 2002 Savings Bond Campaign.

To make purchasing bonds even easier, people can get them through the Payroll Deduction Plan.

Both the traditional Series EE U.S. Savings Bonds and the inflation-based Series I U.S. Savings Bonds are available and hold 3.96 percent and 2.57 percent interest rates, respectively, as set May 1 by the Treasury Department.

For more information on the I and EE Bonds, visit the U.S. Air Force's 2002 Savings Bond Campaign Web page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/votefund/Programs/SavingsBonds/SAVINGSBND.htm. (Courtesy of the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas)

Changes of command

Col. John Lake became the 52nd Medical Group commander in a change of command ceremony Tuesday. Lake, who joins Team Eifel from Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C., replaces Col. Joe Drane, who moved to Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The 52nd Munitions Support Squadron change of command takes place Monday at 1 p.m. in Hangar 67 at Kleine Brogel, Belgium. Lt. Col. Jurgen Smith, coming from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., assumes command from Lt. Col. John W. Mabes Jr., who heads for Misawa Air Base, Japan.

The 52nd Comptroller Squadron change of command takes place June 28 at 10 a.m. in the Spang Club.

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Staff Sgts. Amelia Ingram, left, and Christine Arbelli-Smith, mark "unexploded ordnance" in response to an exercise input during combined local and NATO exercises, which took place June 10-14. Exercise Clean Hunter, in conjunction with a Local Salty Nation Phase II, evaluated the wing's ability to survive and operate in a deployed environment. After the LSN Phase II ended, Clean Hunter resumed Monday and ends today.

Spangdahlem AB goes to 'war' with NATO allies during exercise

Compiled from staff reports

During the past few weeks, the 52nd Fighter Wing tested and honed its deployment capabilities in two Local Salty Nation Phase I exercises using the Euro Lightning concept.

In addition, Exercise Clean Hunter, in conjunction with a local LSN Phase II, took place June 10-14. Clean Hunter resumed Monday and ends today throughout most of Europe. More than 400 European, Canadian and U.S. units are participating in the "war" between fictitious European alliances brought on by border disputes.

Other countries participating in Clean Hunter include England, France, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Poland and the Czech Republic.

While Clean Hunter draws mainly on people involved with flying operations, adding the LSN Phase II to the Spangdahlem Air Base portion of the exercise brought the rest of the base into the mix and "made it a bit more interesting for folks here," said Capt. Larry Jorgenson, 52nd Operations Support Squadron intelligence officer.

"For example, the wing inspector general office added

chemical warfare scenarios into the mix for practice," he said.

Exercise Clean Hunter, which is the largest flying exercise in Europe, specifically gives wing pilots the opportunity to fly "NATO-style," which differs slightly from other training in that pilots must adjust to language and other barriers to perform the mission.

According to Maj. Mel Petersen, 52nd Operations Support Squadron weapons and tactics, there are challenges in participating in a NATO-led exercise. Simple things like using base e-mail isn't allowed because they must use NATO systems. However, he said the exercise is very beneficial.

"This is very good training because it integrates us into NATO's air war. We're learning valuable lessons because we can't get this type of training anywhere else. When we participate in other exercises in the states, it's usually a U.S.-led exercise, so it's beneficial to learn how NATO runs things."

Clean Hunter also gives other wing agencies, such as mission planners and intelligence, the chance to practice using NATO guidelines, again that differ slightly from Air Force operations, Jorgenson said.

USAFE to take positive action with CSAF survey results

By Master Sgt. Joe Bela
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — "Our people care. They took the time to voice their opinions and we plan to take positive action based upon the results," said U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander Gen. Gregory S. Martin, following the recent outcome of the Air Force's organizational climate survey.

Results of the confidential survey, which focused on 13 areas affecting the job environment and quality of life, were delivered to major commands May 24.

More than 19,000 people in USAFE took the 2002 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Organizational Climate Survey, which was made available on the Internet between Jan. 22 and March 8.

Seven command-specific questions were

designed to solicit input on issues ranging from job satisfaction, force protection and work tempo, to the availability of resources and overall support from supervisors and commanders. These are areas of great concern to Air Force leaders at all USAFE installations, said Martin.

The USAFE questions on the survey were directed at airmen in Europe, and "these questions addressed issues relating to

the unique challenges of working in USAFE," said Maj. Dean Eller, chief of the Manpower Programs Branch at the headquarters USAFE Directorate of Plans and Programs.

Specifically, the survey asked how USAFE people felt about their leadership, the predictability and stability of the Air

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Accidents

By Sindhu Rajan
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Twenty-one Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, five of which were major.

The first reported accident was near Schwarzenborn on L-34. An airman was forced off the road by another vehicle. There were no injuries. The airman's vehicle sustained a broken rear axle and minor dents and scratches throughout the vehicle. The Wittlich Polizei investigated and the results are pending.

The second major accident happened on B-50 at the K-33 intersection. A German national failed to yield while turning onto B-50, collided with a Department of Defense employee. The employee was taken to Bitburg Krankenhaus, then to Spangdahlem clinic where he was treated for shoulder and back pain. Both vehicles were disabled.

The third major accident, which involved three vehicles, also happened on B-50. A family member rear-ended a German national's vehicle, forcing it into the vehicle of another German national. The family member and two passengers traveling with him were transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus with cuts and mild bruising. The passengers' injuries consisted of pain to the shoulder and collarbone, cuts to the abdomen and mild bruising. The family member's vehicle sustained major damage to the front bumper, hood and front quarter panels. One German

national's vehicle was damaged on the rear bumper, trunk lid, driver side rear panel and front bumper. The other vehicle was damaged on the rear bumper, as well as having minor scratches and broken rear lights.

The fourth major accident involved an American child being hit by a German national's vehicle. The child received a hairline hip fracture, as well as facial cuts. Vehicle damage consisted of a cracked windshield and a small dent on the hood. This accident is under investigation.

The fifth major accident occurred in Quint. An airman failed to yield at an intersection and hit a German national's vehicle. The German national was taken to Trier Ehrang Marien Krankenhaus and treated for chest injuries. The driver of the airman's vehicle fled the scene of the accident as Polizei arrived. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

The 16 minor accidents involved:

- One from backing.
- Nine from inattentive driving.
- Three parking lot related.
- One fleeing the scene.
- One B-50 related.
- One wildlife related.

In addition, 30 citations were issued.

Close call

Paper left on a stove burner that was left on and unattended caused a recent fire in an unoccupied communications squadron office break room, according to Senior Master Sgt. John Powers, Spangdahlem Air Base fire prevention flight deputy chief. Smoke detectors activated a fire alarm, which automatically notified the fire department of the emergency. Firefighters forced entry into the facility and extinguished the fire before it cause extensive damage. Fire prevention flight officials encourage people to keep stoves clear of flammable materials and to check appliances before leaving the office or home.

Courtesy photo

Survey

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Expeditionary Force, the workload and deployments, and the application of safety and force protection measures at both the workplace and at home, according to USAFE Command Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin.

Survey results show improvement in nine of the 13 areas surveyed, and Eller said there are several positive trends based on the number of respondents in USAFE, which increased from 11,920 in a 1999 survey to 19,235 in 2002.

"We didn't go down in any one area. In fact, we improved in nine areas and survey results show we stayed the same in the remaining four," Mauldin said.

And although the availability of adequate resources within the command remains a top concern for people in USAFE, "this area showed improvement," she said.

"In the 1999 survey, 60 percent of the USAFE respondents agreed when asked if they had the resources to

do the job — manpower, time, supplies and equipment. This year it was 65 percent, an increase of 5 percent," said Tech. Sgt. John Knotts, noncommissioned officer in charge of Performance Management at the headquarters USAFE Directorate of Plans and Programs.

Results on general job satisfaction and morale, however, showed no change over past surveys.

"We're concerned about what people think about their jobs, especially in light of the stress factors associated with the command's continuous high ops tempo and our continuing war on terrorism," said Martin. "This is one area we have to address vigorously to come up with viable solutions."

Surprisingly, the survey also shows that USAFE people feel safer today than they did prior to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the States.

Knotts said 60 percent of those surveyed in 1999 were concerned for their families' security, both on and off base.

Today, 88 percent of respondents believe USAFE is taking the right measures to ensure their safety.

"Of course, survey results vary from organization to organization within the command," Eller added.

Results of the survey were discussed during the USAFE Spring Commanders Conference held here May 28-30, and commanders at all levels are expected to brief their people on the specifics of the survey by June 30.

"Feedback is the basis for improvement and I thank everyone who took the time to respond to the survey with their honest views on how our command is doing," said Martin. "These surveys provide us with insight so we can address the issues our people find imperative."

"Organizations that take positive action based on feedback from their people get better results and improve the working environment," he said. "In the end, only good things can result from the survey." (USAFE News Service)

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Maj. John Shields, coming from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., assumes command from Lt. Col. Myra Manyweather, who heads to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Balcony/yard of the month

The balcony and yard of the month program continues through September. People living in Spangdahlem Air Base, Bitburg Annex and government-leased housing areas are included in this competition. Plaques and certificates will be presented, as well as prizes from various organizations on base. For more information, call the housing office at 452-6560 or 452-6036.

Smart card request

People who receive items from the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional) should complete the Standard Asset

Tracking System Smart Card request. The smart card takes the place of signed documentation when property is issued. Not having a smart card with the proper authorizations will prevent people from receiving property. For more information on where to find the request form or the program, call 452-6084.

F-16 accident report released

An Accident Investigation Board determined pilot error to be the cause of a 52nd Fighter Wing F-16CJ aircraft accident March 20 near Spangdahlem Air Base.

Capt. Luke A. Johnson was killed when his F-16 crashed in a wooded area approximately two miles from the runway while on final approach.

The investigation board, led by Col. Erwin Lessel, 86th Airlift Wing commander, stated the primary cause of the mishap was the pilot's failure to initiate missed approach procedures as directed by

the air traffic controller.

The mishap aircraft was returning from a night tactical intercept-training mission at the time of the accident. (U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

CGOC conference

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England -- As part of the U.S. Air Force's in Europe Regional Company Grade Officer's Council Conference here, June 27 through 30, Maj. Gen. Michael Wooley, new 3rd Air Force commander, will address the command's junior officers.

"We'll spend some time discussing leadership," the 30-year Air Force veteran said. "All officers are in leadership positions and it's incredibly important they realize they must lead by example."

The general said he'll also discuss what he believes to be one of the defining issues

within the service over the last three decades-family.

"Family isn't just your husband or wife and children. It's the young airman in your squadron who is away from home for the first time. It's the lieutenant and his wife in your unit who just found out they're going to have twins. It's the friendly British couple who lives next door. They're our community, and they are our family," Wooley said. "As an Air Force family we have to take care of each other. This is especially true as we become a more expeditionary service with a 'sleeping under the wings' mentality."

For more information, or for CGOs wanting to attend the conference, call 1st Lt. Tamara O'Donnell at DSN 238-4125 or 1st Lt. Darin Durand at DSN 238-5818. (2nd Lt. Rosaire Bushey, 100th Public Affairs Office for U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)

Base transition construction continues on Spang

By Peter Neukom
52nd Fighter Wing Transition Office

Drivers traveling on Memorial Drive have witnessed a flurry of Rhein-Main initiative construction activity there for the past few weeks.

Work continues on the 70-foot tower that will ultimately serve the base as the airport surveillance radar. A cinder-block building located next to the tower will house equipment and serve as a test and maintenance support facility.

Base officials ask people to excuse the inconvenience as construction workers temporarily remove the sidewalks along Memorial Drive to install electrical and communication lines.

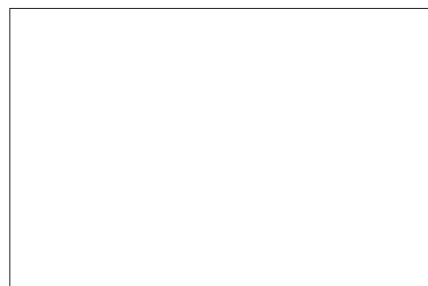
Another current transition construction project is the relocation of the TACAN near Ramp 4. The equipment is being moved to make room for a cargo aircraft main parking ramp.

Local contractors were awarded the 2.5 million euro projects, which include electrical and communication line upgrades.

Contractors started work in February and expect to be finished by November.

Members of the 738th Engineering Installation Squadron, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., will assist with the project and the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Check Certification Agency will complete the process.

"This is just the beginning of an extremely busy construction period for Spangdahlem," said Eric Reeves, U.S. Air Forces in Europe project engineer. "The Rhein-Main transition projects are in addition to the work programmed by civil engineers and will affect all areas of the base. We are receiving tremendous support to make this possible."



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

This 70-foot tower being built by the main gate will ultimately serve as the base's airport surveillance radar.

Wing members garner Air Force, USAFE recognition

Air Force officials recently announced the following winners for 2001:

Medical service award

Senior Airman Haley Singler, outstanding airman

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently announced the following award winners for 2001:

Air Force Association civilian of the year

Jeffrey Visosky, 52nd Communications Squadron, civilian program manager

Best services programs

Spangdahlem Air Base bowling center, community center and library program

Spangdahlem AB and Bitburg Annex child development centers

Small site food services excellence

752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkel Air Base, Netherlands

Aircrew life support

Capt. Jared Johnson, 22nd Fighter Squadron

Outstanding mission support squadron

52nd MSS

Outstanding military personnel flight achievement

52nd MSS/MPF

General Horace M. Wade Innovation award

Staff Sgt. Jacques Samedy, 52nd MSS

Operations resource management

Senior Airman Surita Rorie, 81st FS, outstanding airman

Professional Performer safety award

Tech. Sgts. Howard Bailey and William Haight, 52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office; Rafael Gomez, 606th Air Control Squadron; and Staff Sgt. Scott Gurney, 81st FS.

USAFE Youth of the Year

Tiffany Mailman

Wing officials recently announced the following award winners and achievements for 2002:

First Sergeant's Well-Done Coin recipients

Members of the 52nd FW Staff Judge Advocate Office:

Capt. Michael Hughes, Tech. Sgt. Travia Whitley and Staff Sgts. Minnie Propst, Sabina Medina-Floyd and DaVonna Cromwell.

Wing weapons load crew, first quarter competition

Staff Sgt. Jason Moenter and Senior Airmen Robert Hoag and Kristopher Meagan, 23rd FS

Airman 1st Class Famous Williams, 22nd FS, jammer-driver competition.

52nd Fighter Wing Inspector General Office Outstanding Exercise Performers

Local Salty Nation Phase I May 20-22

Capt. Robert Chavez, 52nd Operations Support Squadron, and Daniel Morrissey, 81st FS, 2nd Lt. Olen Freeman, 52nd OSS, Master Sgt. William Neff, 81st FS, Tech. Sgts. George E. DeShields III, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Gregory Miller, 22nd FS, David Small, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Sherman Spencer, 52nd Component Repair Squadron, and Arnold Taylor, 22nd FS; Staff Sgts. David Abell, 52nd Logistics Repair Squadron (Provisional), Charles Lewing, 22nd FS, Carolyn Murray, 23rd FS, Matthew Osterholt, 52nd CRS, Daniel Palumbo, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, and Nicole Veslor, 52nd LRS(P); Senior Airmen Robert Cavazos, 52nd EMS, Jackson Cortz, 52nd EMS, Nolan Hildebrand, 52nd OSS, and Daniel Romero, 52nd CRS.

LSN Phase II June 10-14

Capt. Jennifer Ranous, 22nd FS; Tech. Sgts. Bryan Barnhart, 52nd CES, and Matt Marshall, 52nd LRS(P); Staff Sgt. Gregory Marchand, 606th Air Control Squadron; Senior Airmen Brian Schleifer, 606th ACS, and Jerome Stevenson Jr., 52nd CES; Airman 1st Class Gregory Podobensky, 52nd SFS; and Airman Vanessa Segura, 52nd SFS.

Other achievements:

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University graduates

Bachelor in professional aeronautics

Senior master Sgts. Michael Hedum, 22nd FS, and Joseph Shmucker, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 17; Tech. Sgt. Jamey Richardi, NATO AWACS; Staff Sgts. Robert Adams, 52nd OSS, Victor Andrade, 23rd FS,

Andrew Doss, 752nd MUNSS, Adam Weber, NATO AWACS, and Amanda Williams, 52nd Fighter Wing Operations Center; Senior Airman Christopher Beery, 52nd EMS, Christy Cook and David Hemberg.

Master of aeronautical science

Master Sgt. Shannon Defeo, 52nd CRS and Capt. Todd Seger, 23rd FS.

Community College of the Air Force Spring 2002 graduates

Special Agent Bret Whitmire, Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Det. 518, Senior Master Sgt. Viking White, 52nd MSS, Master Sgts. Harold Harper, 52nd CES, Rosalinda Kravchenko, 52nd Communications Squadron, Brian Noecker, 606th ACS, Mark Pegram, 52nd CRS, John Prudente, 22nd FS, Michael Sampson, 22nd FS, Frederick Soechting, 52nd OSS, Jeffery VanScoy, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, and Amanda Williams, 52nd CPTS; Tech. Sgts. Brian Clark, 372nd TRS, Det. 17, Lisa Claxton, 52nd CES, Daniel Hardesty, 52nd LRS(P), Peter Hinskey, 22nd FS, William H. Hutto III, 52nd SFS, Kevin Johnson, 52nd EMS, Thomas Koenig, 52nd FW, Kerry Lawson, 52nd CRS, Robert Mathews, 52nd CRS, Everard C. Oliver, 372nd TRS, Det. 17, Edwin Pantojafont, 23rd FS, William Serenbetz, 52nd Logistics Support Squadron, Cassandra Sells, 52nd LRS(P), James Stockton, 81st FS, Bradley Warren, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, and Arnold Washington, 52nd MUNSS; Staff Sgts. Kimberly Armijo, 52nd MSS, Casey Brooke, 52nd CES, Barbara Brown, 52nd CES, James Cook, Jr., 52nd CS, Daniel Moore, 372nd TRS, Det. 17, Jeanna Morgan, 52nd Services Squadron, Nathanael Olney, 52nd EMS, Lloyd Oxford, 52nd CES, Alf Thompson, 52nd EMS, Bennett Upton, 52nd EMS, and James Vance, 52nd CES; Senior Airmen Ryan Espey, 52nd CES, Chad Funnemark, 52nd CS, Rochelle Ann Roach, 52nd EMS, Elvis Santana, 606th ACS, and Rease Wold, 52nd CS, Airman Andrew Schmidt, 52nd FW, and Lynn Stedje.

Air Force Junior ROTC Outstanding Instructor of the year

Lt. Col. John Hall, Bitburg High School

Girl Scouts

Bronze award for Junior Girl Scout achievement

Priscilla and Jasmine Karamzadeh

Gold award (equivalent of Boy Scout Eagle award)

Lisa Lage

'Out and About' 2002 event calendar

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

(Editor's note: The following events are subject to change. The calendar by no means includes all summer events of the area. Further details on some major summer events will appear in future issues of the Eifel Times.)

To check on an event date or to obtain more information, call the national telephone information office at 11833 (from a commercial phone) or the international telephone information office at 11834. Ask the agent for a number to the tourist information office in the town in which the event takes place.

June

Today-Sunday

■Trier's old city festival takes place. The event features music, food and entertainment throughout the pedestrian zone. The German-American friendship club meets at the festival Saturday. Anyone interested in joining the group can contact Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 or e-mail Gisela.traut@spangdahlem.af.mil.

■The Allianz Grand Prix of Europe Formula One race takes place. For tickets, call the German ticket hot line at 02691-923060.

Today-Wednesday

■The annual Ludwigshafen city festival takes place.

Today-June 30

■Trier's annual Peter and Paul festival takes place. The event features amusement rides and entertainment in the center of town.

Saturday-Sunday

■A summer night festival takes place in Veldenz, around the Villa Romana on the Mosel River.

Sunday

■A summer concert takes place at the atrium hall of the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center

■The annual Trier city run takes place.

■Flea markets take place in front of the Wittlich Moebel Boss store, located on Rudolf-Diesel Street; along the Zeltingen Mosel shore; in front of the Trier-Kenn Wal-Mart; in front of the Stadtkyll REWE Center; in Bollendorf, on the Luxembourg border and in front of the Daun Café Classico, Donkehof.

Wednesday-July 21

■Trier's famous antiquity festival takes place at the Kaiserthermen baths.

June 28-July 02

■The Spiessbraten festival takes place in Idar-Oberstein.

June 28-30

■A performance of "Aida," an opera by Verdi, shows at 9 p.m. at the Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein castle.

June 29

■The German-American friendship club annual picnic takes place June 29 at 3 p.m. at Bruch castle. The cost is 15 euro for adults and 7 euro for children includes food and castle admission. Register by calling Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 or e-mail gisela.traut@spangdahlem.af.mil.

■A castle festival takes place in Rittersdorf. The event features arts and crafts sales, a flea market and entertainment.

■The 9th Annual International Pruem Valley run takes place in Irrel. Call 06525-520 for more information.

June 29-30

■A medieval market takes place in Cochem.

June 30

■Tal Total, a traffic-free bicycling day among Bingen, Koblenz, Lahnstein and Ruedesheim, takes place.

■Pruem sponsors a musicians' street festival in the center of town.

June-August

■The Bitburg ice skating rink offers roller-skating lessons. Call the rink at 06561-8447 for more information or to register.

June-November

■The International Echemach, Luxembourg. Musical Festival 2001 features music by world-famous musicians.

July

July-August

■Musicians play jazz music inside the Trier Brunnenhof courtyard, near the Porta Nigra.

■Jazz concerts take place at the Trier Brunnenhof.

July 3

■A classical concert, featuring compositions by Grondahl, Perry and Dvorak, takes place at the Kaisersaal of the Koblenz Imperial castle.

■The International Noise Conspiracy band performs a rock concert at the Trier BBS Aula. Call 06511-459930 for tickets.

July 4

■Pruem sponsors a 30-kilometer bicycling event.

■Randy Crawford performs an open-air concert at the Trier Amphitheater.

July 4-7

■The 52nd Services Squadron Big Annual Summer Happening takes place on Bitburg Annex.

July 5-7

■Koblenz celebrates an old city festival with a variety of fun and entertainment.

■Kaiserslautern celebrates an old city festival.

■A popular International Old-timer Festival, featuring historical vehicles, food and entertainment takes place at Nuerburgring racetrack.

July 5-8

■A wine and castle festival with fire works display takes place in Koblenz-Gondorf.

■The wine town of Kroev hosts their 49th Annual International Folk Festival.

■Koblenz-Gondorf, near Koblenz celebrates a historical wine and castle festival.

July 6-7

■Trier's annual arts and crafts market takes place near the Porta Nigra.

July 7

■A unique and quite popular flea market, offering antiques and many interesting items, takes place in Roth an the Our, near Vianden.

July 7

■The Zeltingen-Rachtig wine festival and market takes place.

July 11

■Join members of the German-American Friendship Club for dinner at 7 p.m. at the restaurant Waldhaus, near Gondorf Eifel Park. Register by calling Gisela Traut at 06562-2464.

July 11-14

■The 24th "Deichstadt" festival takes place in Neuwied.

July 12

■An open-air gala concert featuring the "Philharmonie" Rhine State Orchester, and performances by violoncello player, Maria Liegel, takes place at 8 p.m. at the Koblenz Ehrenbreitstein castle.

July 12-14

■Truck Grand Prix, Europe's greatest truck and country festival, take places at Nuerburgring racetrack. The event features musical entertainment and more. Visit www.truck-grand-prix.de for details.

July 12-15

■The Bitburg International Folk Festival takes place. The event features an international theme with more than 35 performance groups from 15 countries around the globe.

■The Zurlaubener Mosel festival takes place in Trier. Bands perform along the Mosel River shore and a fireworks display takes place at 10 p.m.

■A popular wine and town festival takes place in Loef.

■The Traben-Trarbach "Europe a la carte" wine festival takes place.

July 12-16

■The Bretzel festival of Speyer takes place.

July 12-21

■The Hermeskeil City Festival takes place.

July 13-14

■The Zillo Festival features rock music by 30 bands and musicians such as The Cure, Anne Clark, Madrigada, Subway to Sally, Deine Laikaen and more. The event takes place at Hahn airport.

July 14

■"Gelbachttag" is a traffic-free bicycling day, which takes place between Montabauer and Weinaehr.

July 15-24

■The Art Festival of Beaufort, Luxembourg, takes place.

July 16

■The Farlingaye High School Choir from Woodbridge, England, performs in the Koblenz Florins church.

July 17

■The Bitburg sales market takes place on the Bedaplatz.

July 19-21

■The Boppard Rhine-Shore Festival takes place.

■A wine and forest festival takes place in Kroev-Koevenig.

July 19-22

■The Mosel town of Konz celebrates its annual wine festival.

July 20

■"Magic Summer Night," a classical music performance, takes place at 9 p.m. on the Kroev floating Mosel stage.

July 21

■The Bitburg Summer Mosaic Festival takes place.

■Kylltal Aktiv offers a traffic-free bicycling day between Gerolstein and Kyllburg.

■The Fresh Diamant Cup mountain biking

Trittenheim, located on the Mosel River a Base is the partner city for the base.

marathon takes place at the Erbeskopf. Call 06504-778 or 06504-14011 for more information.

July 25

■A groove and soul concert, featuring Dee-Phazz & Joy Denalane, takes place.

July 26-28

■A culinary event takes place in Bad Muenster am Stein-Ebernburg.

■The annual Zweibruecken city festival takes place.

■A wine festival and market takes place in Winchering, on the Saar River shore.

July 26-29

■The Saar village of Serrig celebrates its 1,200th anniversary with a festival.

July 27-28

■The Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler Burgundy festival takes place.

August

Aug. 2-4

■The Lake Biersdorf festival takes place. The lake is located just outside of Bitburg.

■A wine and street festival takes place in Maring-Novind.

Aug. 2-5

■The wine town of Zeltingen-Rachtig wine festival and the 42nd Middle Mosel Riesling wine probe take place.

■The Trier Olewig wine festival features entertainment and a fireworks display.

Aug. 2-8

■The 11th annual international magician's, trickster's and culture festival takes place in Koblenz.

Aug. 2-18

■Broadway Filmpalast sponsors an open-air movie theater at Trier's Kaiserthermen Roman baths.

Julia Schaefer checks out an antique mirror at a local flea market.

July 6

■The Ettelbruck Patton Remembrance Day 2002 Memorial takes place. The event features a wreath laying ceremony, concerts and performances by Spangdahlem Air Base's Country and Western dance group, The Eifel Outlaws, and a commemoration service at the town's Parish church.

■Music, dancing performances and children's entertainment are part of a summer entertainment program at 3 p.m. at the Koblenz Florins gardens, located near the city's famous Florinskirche church.

The Bitburg International Folk Festival draws large crowds of people from around the world.

Aug. 3-4

■The Cochem Reichsburg Castle Festival takes place.

Aug. 3-5

■A music and wine festival takes place in Piesport.

ar invites community participation

Courtesy photos
about 20 minutes from Spangdahlem Air

■The St. Goar Hansen Festival takes place.
Aug. 4
■Bitburg Summer Mosaic features summer entertainment throughout the town.
■Autofreies Lautertal features a traffic-free bicycling day between Lauterecken and Kaiserslautern.
Aug. 6-8
■The Muehlheim market and Grafschaft festival takes place.
Aug. 6-9
■The Schweich summer festival takes place.
Aug. 8
■The German-American Friendship Club meets for dinner at 7 p.m. at the Schweich Yachthafen harbor.
Aug. 9
■Bitburg's monthly sales market takes place on Bedaplatz.
■The Young Tenors perform an open-air concert at Trier's Roman Amphitheater.
Aug. 9-11
■The annual European Hot Air Balloon Meet takes place at the Bernkastel-Kues Plateau. Rides are available for a fee.
■Trier's 14th Elbling wine festival takes place.
Aug. 9-12
■Trittenheim, the 52nd Fighter Wing's partnership community, invites everyone to the village "St. Laurentius" festival.
Aug. 10
■The Koblenz Rhine Aflame Festival takes place between the towns of Spay and Koblenz. The festival attracts more than 50,000 visitors annually and features carnivals, music, and castle fireworks displays.
■The 36th Koblenz International Basketball Tournament takes place at the Koblenz-Luetzel sports gym, located inside the Hans-Zulliger school.
Aug. 16
■Andre Rieu performs at the Kaiserslautern Stiftsplatz. Tickets are 46 Euro when purchased in advance.
Aug. 16-17
■The Gladiator "Valerius" comes to the Trier Kaiserthermen Roman baths.
Aug. 16-18
■The 8th Piesport wine festival takes place.
■A wine and street festival takes place in Bernkastel-Kues.
■The 8th Annual Kroev Old-Timer Festival takes place.
■The Bad-Bertrich festival and evening fire works display takes place.
■The Heimersheim wine festival takes place.
■"Bread and Games" features a Roman festival at Trier's Kaiserthermen baths and Amphitheater.

Aug. 16-19
■The Wittlich Pig Festival takes place.
■The Leiwen wine festival, parade and wine probe takes place.
Aug. 17
■Musicians perform jazz along the Rhine in Koblenz.
Aug. 18
■Ruwertal Aktiv features a wine street festival and traffic-free bicycling day between Trier-Ruwer and Rivers.
Aug. 22-25
■The 32nd Annual Gerolstein Sprudel festival takes place.
Aug. 22-26
■The Cochem wine festival features a fire works display Aug. 26 at 10 p.m.
Aug. 23-25
■The 23rd Annual Zeltingen-Rachtig Wine Festival takes place.
■Trier sponsors the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer Champagne Gala in front of the Porta Nigra.
■The Trittenheim wind festival takes place.
Aug. 23-Sept. 9
■The Luxembourg Schobermesse, also known as the Luxembourg October Fest, takes place. It is one of the biggest fairs of the Benelux countries.

The Wittlich Pig Fest is among the most popular festivals in the area.

Aug. 24
■Bitburg's Blade Night takes place at 4 p.m. on Trierer Strasse and on the village festival grounds.
Aug. 24-25
■The Mainz Weinmarkt takes place.
■An evening festival takes place in Loef.
■Historical celebrations take place at the Manderscheid castle on the Lieser river. Activities include puppets, magicians, musical entertainment, theater, jousting, horse-riding performances and a traditional arts and crafts market. Among the highlights is a giant fire works display.
■Emmelshausen hosts the Rhein-Mosel-Nahe wine market.
Aug. 24-Sept. 1
The Worms Backfisch Festival takes place.
Aug. 25
■A late summer festival takes place in Traben-Trarbach.
■The German military band "Heeresmusik Korps 300" performs a concert at Ehrenbreitstein castle.
■The Deutsche Weinstrasse event offers a traffic-free bicycling day between Bockenheim and Schweigen.
■The Tal Total features a traffic-free bicycling event in the Nahetal valley, between Guldenbach and Trollbachtal.
Aug. 29-Sept. 2
■Join Bernkastel in celebrating its traditional wine festival of the middle-Mosel. Highlights include a fireworks display and a parade.
Aug. 30-Sept. 8
■The Winnigen festival takes place.
Aug. 30-Sept. 9
■Bingen sponsors a vintner's festival.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1
■German and European Soap Box Derby Championship Races take place at 9 a.m. in Bitburg.
Aug. 31-Sept. 2
■The Saarburg wine and old-city festival takes place.
Aug. 31
■The musical "Evita," by Andrew Lloyd Webber, open-air performance takes place at the Trier Roman Amphitheater.
September
Sept. 1
■Lustiges Pruemtal features a traffic-free bicycling day between Olzheim and Waxweiler.
Sept. 4-8
■Kaiserslautern Barbarossa week takes place.
Sept. 6-8
■Zeltingen-Rachtig sponsors a street festival with Mosel wines and food specialties.
■The Mosel town of Lieser celebrates a street festival.
■A wine and art market takes place in Traben-Trarbach.
■A street and wine festival takes place in Ediger-Eller.
Sept. 6-9
■Treis-Karden holds its annual wine festival.
Sept. 6-9
■A vintner's festival takes place in Linz.
Sept. 6-10
■The annual Bad Duerkheim Wurstmarkt takes place. It is considered Germany's largest Volks-festival.
Sept. 7-9
■Bitburg sponsors the Kirmes town festival.
Sept. 8
■Radeln ohne Grenzen features a traffic-free bicycling day between Neuburg, Weissenburg and Dahn.
Sept. 9
■The Koblenz Museum Night event takes place. Museums throughout the city open all night.
Sept. 11
■The American drama group performs "Midsummer Night Dream" at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Koblenz Kulturfabrik.
Sept. 13
■The Bitburg sales market takes place at 8 a.m. on Bedaplatz.
Sept. 13-15
■A street and wine festival takes place in Traben-Trarbach/Wolf.
■The popular Koblenz Schaengel market features rides and entertainment in the center of Koblenz.
■The Pirmasens Exefest takes place.
■A medieval market takes place in Bad Muenster am Stein-Ebernburg.
Sept. 13-16
■Oberwesel sponsors a "Rhine in Flames" wine market.
■A wine harvesting festival of the middle Mosel takes place in Minheim.
Sept. 14
■The Trier Play and Game Festival takes place in the town center.
Sept. 14-15
■The Montabaur Schuster market takes place.
Sept. 15
■Join the German-American Friendship Club on a trip to the Sinsheim Technical Museum. E-mail Gisela Traut at Gisela.traut@spangdahlem.af.mil or call 06562-2464 for more information.
Sept. 20
■The Rheinland-Pfalz bicycling race comes to Bitburg on Ottostrasse.

Beaufort Castle is located in Luxembourg.

Sept. 21
■The Rhine is set aflame with fire works displays at 10 p.m. in St. Goar and St. Goarshausen. Call 06741-383 for more information.
Sept. 21-Oct. 6
■Munich's famous Oktober Fest takes place.
Sept. 27-30
■The popular Bernkastel St. Michael's festival takes place.
Sept. 28-Oct. 6
■Moselland-Exhibition 2002, the biggest trade and entertainment fair of the region, takes place on the Trier Moselauen fairgrounds.
October
Oct. 3
■The German-American Club travels to Dresden. Call Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 or e-mail to Gisela.traut@spangdahlem.af.mil for more information.
Oct. 3-14
■The German wine harvesting festival takes place at Neustadt an der Weinstrasse.
Oct. 5
■The Trier Thanksgiving Festival and Farmer's Market takes place in front of the Porta Nigra.
Oct. 11
■The Bitburg sales market takes place on the Bedaplatz.
Oct. 12-20
■The 597th Annual Mayen Lucas market takes place. The event features amusement rides and markets.
Oct. 13
■The Bitburg farmer's market takes place.
■The Bitburg farmer's market takes place. Stores open 1-5 p.m.
Oct. 15-16
■The popular Mayen Lucas market takes place.
Oct. 19-27
■The Munich Kirchweihdult, or offering market, takes place. The event features various forms of entertainment.
Oct. 25-Nov. 3
■The Trier Allerheiligen Fair takes place. The event features amusement rides and entertainment.
Oct. 27
■Stores open throughout Trier.
November
Nov. 8-10
The annual Mosel-Saar-Ruwer wine forum takes place at the Trier Landes museum.
The Cochem Federweissen Wine Festival takes place.

Community Mailbox

Gospel concert

"Best Friends," from Lubbock Christian University, presents a free concert Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call 06561-942154 for details.

Travel guide

Panther Paws 2001-2002, a travel guide sponsored by the 81st Fighter Squadron Spouses Club, is now available at local exchange stores for \$10.

Thrift shop

Penny Lane currently has transformers, clothes, furniture and baby items available. The shop is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and each first and third Wednesday monthly from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Education news

Embry-Riddle University offers distance-learning courses starting the 15th of each month. Also, a class on air carrier operations starts June 28. Call 452-7553 or visit the branch office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for details.

Hummel Signing

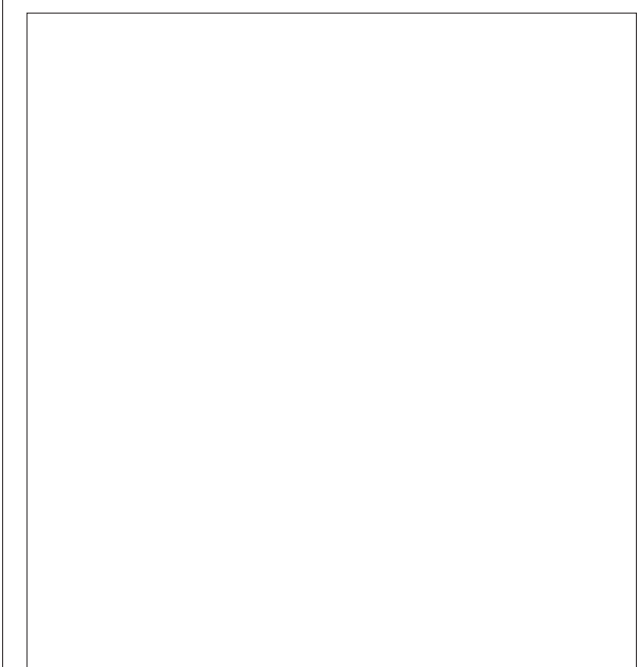
An artist autographs Hummel figurines purchased at the Bitburg Main Exchange June 28-29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Summer reading

Spangdahlem Air Base library sponsors the youth summer reading program Monday through Aug. 16. Youth can register at the library. The program features weekly reading contests and bi-weekly crafts. Youth who have read 25 or more books during the summer earn certificates. Call the library at 452-6203 for details.

German-American club

The German-American Friendship Club annual picnic takes place June 29 at 3 p.m. at Bruch castle. Cost is 15 euro for adults and 7 euro for children, plus drinks. Call



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Child-like fascination

Brenda Plamissano, Bitburg Annex library technician, checks-out a new children's book before returning it to the shelf. The Bitburg Annex facility loans books, audio and video cassettes, and has computers with free Internet capability. It also features a children's storytime for 2- to 5-year-olds each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Parents must be present. The library is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and American holidays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. It's closed on German holidays.

Gisela Traut at 06562-2464 evenings or e-mail gisela.traut@spangdahlem.af.mil to reserve seats.

Pet adoption

The Pet Spa often has kittens, cats and other animals available for adoption. Call the spa at 452-9362 for more information.

European cowboys

People interested in forming a Spangdahlem Air Base rodeo team and participating in European Rodeo Cowboy Association events can call Staff Sgt. David Scott at 06565-934843 for details.

Guam Liberation Day

A holiday celebration takes place July 13 on the Ohmbachsee Park picnic grounds near Miesau, Germany. Call Joe Quitugua at 01708-919735 or e-mail [quitugua@cmty-\(no hyphen\) mail.26asg.army.mil](mailto:quitugua@cmty-(no hyphen) mail.26asg.army.mil) for more information.

Craft classes

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register at least one week early for all classes by calling Craft Corner at 452-4141.

■Photo cropping, June 28 from 6-11 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

■Basic stamping, July 9 from 6-8 p.m.

Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

■One-day tole painting, July 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus the cost of wooden cutouts.

■Stamping techniques, July 17 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2002.

■One-day tole painting, July 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus the cost of wooden cutouts.

■Six-week quilting, July 15-Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$35, plus supplies.

■Basic stamping, July 25 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

Preschooler picnics

Mothers of Preschoolers picnics take place each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Bitburg Annex behind building 19 and each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Spangdahlem Air Base across from building 409. For more information, call the base chapel at 452-6711 or e-mail spangmops@yahoo.com.

Scholarships

The Air Force Services Agency offers the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship to students of current club members. To qualify, applicants submit an essay of less than 500 words about how Air Force clubs help military traditions continue. Base services officials will select two scholarship entries to compete at Air Force level. The prize is a \$5,000 scholarship. Submission deadline is July 15. Call the 52nd Services Squadron Marketing Office at 452-6466 for more information.

Scouting news

Cub Scout day camp takes place Aug. 5-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Preist sportplatz. Activities include hiking, making crafts, marksmanship practice and more. The event is open to boys entering first through fifth grade.

Cost is \$50 for registered scouts and \$58 for non-scouting members. The fee includes a T-shirt and a patch. Registration deadline is July 1.

Activity managers seek camp volunteers 18 years and older. No experience is necessary. Permissive TDY has been approved by unit commanders in the past for active-duty members. Call John or Larisa Kennedy at 06562-931258 for details.

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From the top

SECAF reflects on past, looks to future

WASHINGTON — The following is a
message from Secretary of the Air Force James
G. Roche to Air Force personnel:

One year ago this month, I was sworn in as
your 20th secretary of the Air Force and
became, on that day, a proud member of a
magnificent team of active duty, Guard, Reserve
and civilian airmen. During this time, I've had
the deep honor and pleasure to serve alongside
Gens. Mike Ryan and John Jumper, and our
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim
Finch. It is impossible to imagine three more
dedicated and professional Air Force leaders.

As I reflect on the year gone by, my first
thoughts are with the airmen of our force who
made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our
nation and the freedoms we hold dear.
Remember them and their families. Their
supreme sacrifice, along with the countless
heroes who have gone before them, is why we
live free in this great nation.

Each of you should be extremely proud of
your achievements and service this past year,
from combat operations and homeland defense
in the war against international terrorism to your
admirable and noble daily endeavors that
guarantee the readiness, health, security and
morale of our fighting force.

In my travels around our Air Force, I've been
impressed and humbled by your ingenuity,
commitment and willingness to serve. Thank
you for everything you've done to make our Air
Force the best the world has ever known.

Of utmost importance to me is our continued
focus on warfighting, and honing the edge that
enables us to remain expeditionary and
responsive to the needs of our nation.

The American people trust and admire what
you do. They know that America's Air Force
provides a full spectrum of air and space
capabilities that deliver unprecedented
firepower, mobility, awareness and deterrence to
our joint forces. And, once again, they've
witnessed first hand your truly remarkable
performance during operations Enduring
Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Through your incredible efforts in this
campaign, from deploying troops and building
bases to coordinating fires and engaging targets,
you've again demonstrated the unrivaled skill of
airmen. Consider what we've done for just a

moment.

In the first eight months of our war on
terrorism, we flew more than 35,000 sorties,
employing 78 percent of the total munitions
used and damaging or destroying nearly three-
quarters of the coalition targets. Our tanker force
flew more than 10,000 refueling missions,
supporting aircraft from all services.

Our intelligence, surveillance and
reconnaissance assets, manned and unmanned,
have flown more than 2,000 missions and, when
combined with our indispensable space systems,
delivered unprecedented battlefield awareness as
well as a vision of the exciting future in this
evolving mission area. Our heavy-lifters (cargo
aircraft) delivered more than 2.5 million
humanitarian daily rations to the people of
Afghanistan. Our combat support units have
occupied, established or rebuilt bases throughout
Southwest and Central Asia. And we
accomplished all this despite the challenge of
waging a combined campaign in a landlocked
nation.

Through your efforts, you confirmed to our
nation and the world the unmatched value,
flexibility and promise of air and space power.

While we've achieved many of our
objectives, there remains much work to be done.
The fight continues, with many of you going
into harm's way daily. Our ongoing missions
and your unrelenting sacrifices testify to your
commitment to eradicate this threat to our nation
and freedom-loving people everywhere. Most
important, we need to prepare and resolve
ourselves to see this through to the finish,
regardless of where the fight takes us.

Many of you are deployed around the world
at remote and inhospitable settings, spending
extended time away from your families. Many
more are scheduled to deploy in the months
ahead. Some of you no longer are benefiting
from the air and space expeditionary force
schedule and are facing more frequent
deployments. We've asked many of you to put
in long hours well beyond your normal
schedules and we've stretched our force to cover
expanded missions in new locations. Many of
our people are affected by Stop-Loss.

We're working to mitigate the numbers
affected as soon as possible, but until we do, our
folks' lives will remain on hold until we

complete this campaign. And we have thousands
of Air National Guardsmen, Air Force
Reservists, and Individual Mobilization
Augmentees who are serving for extended
periods at great personal cost to their civilian
jobs and their family lives. I recognize your
sacrifice and commend you for your service.

Our nation needs its Air Force as never
before, and your Air Force needs each and every
one of you, your talents and your service as
never before. Yet, regardless of these
challenges, you continue to train, maintain and
fight with a level of professionalism unmatched
by any force ever assembled.

As I look to the journey ahead, I'm excited at
the opportunities we have to serve our nation as
we face the challenges posed by our evolving
security environment. I look forward to
continuing that journey with you.

I remain focused on developing new
strategies for air and space power in this new
millennium; delivering innovative and effective
capabilities to the warfighters; improving Air
Force retention, professional education and
leadership development; eliminating the
inefficiencies in how we do our business; and
transforming our acquisition processes to ensure
innovation and competitive vibrancy within our
defense industrial base.

Most important, I want to ensure we care for
our people and their families through these
challenging times. Communication, engaged
leadership at all levels, and a genuine concern
for the value of our people and their daily
sacrifices are vital to building and sustaining a
motivated and capable force.

On that day one year ago, I committed myself
to serve in a manner befitting of the great men
and women of our Air Force and to serve just as
each of you do every day all around the globe —
with integrity, selflessness and in the earnest
pursuit of excellence. Your entire leadership
team — General Jumper; my talented
undersecretary, Peter Teets; our vice chief of
staff, Gen. Robert "Doc" Foglesong; and myself
— is firmly committed to these values.

Your service and sacrifices the past year have
been truly magnificent and have earned the
justifiable admiration of our nation and the
respect of the world. (Air Force Print News
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Direct Line

Children's safety

Question: The largest park in
Spangdahlem base housing
is across the street from my
housing unit in building
412. As such, it's frequented by a
large number of children daily.
To get there, many children must
cross the road leading in and out of
the housing area. I don't confess to

have a calibrated eye, but it's
obvious most of the vehicles aren't
driving the posted speed limit.

Neighbors and I have witnessed
numerous near misses involving
vehicles and children. I think the only
thing that will be effective in slowing
drivers down is speed bumps.

I've heard speed bumps hamper
snow removal; however, if it's a

matter of manpower, I will gladly
volunteer my time to help.

Answer: Thank you for your
safety concern. In concert
with a future paving project
in the Spangdahlem Air Base hous-
ing area, we are looking at a
redesign of the traffic flow in and
around housing to make it safer for
those living there.

In the interim, we are purchasing
and installing speed bumps at the
entry to the housing area, similar to
what exists at the Bitburg Annex.

I need every person in our
housing areas to help enforce the
speed limit. Take the time to talk to
any person who is going too fast and
remind them of their responsibility to
help protect our children.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie information is available at [www.aafes.com/Europe-\(no hyphen\)/eur_mov/snop.htm](http://www.aafes.com/Europe-(no hyphen)/eur_mov/snop.htm).

Bitburg Castle

Today

Ice Age (PG)

During the Ice Age, 20,000 years ago, the planet's creatures begin migrating south to avoid frostbite. Manny, Sid, Diego and Roshan embark on an incredible journey. They narrowly escape avalanches, battle over food, careen through a prehistoric roller coaster of ice funnels and traverse ice bridges over lakes of volcanic lava. (Peril.)

Saturday

Spider-Man (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker's body chemistry is altered. He can scale walls and develops a "spider-sense" that warns him of approaching danger. Adopting the name "Spider-Man," Peter first uses his new powers to make money, but after his uncle is murdered, he swears to use his powers to fight the evil that killed his uncle. (Violence and action.)

Ice Age

Sunday

Spider-Man

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Monster's Ball (R)

A young man raised in a racist family falls in love with the widow of an African-American inmate at a death-row prison. The trouble is she has no idea of the young man's connection to her dead husband. (Sexual content, language and violence.)

Thursday

Spider-Man

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

High Crimes (PG-13)

A Harvard Law School professor is forced to defend her husband in military court after the Army declares him a deserter and charges him with participating in a mass killing in El Salvador. (Violence, sexual content and language.)

Unfaithful (R, 10 p.m.)

Ed and Connie Sumner are a perfectly happy suburban husband and wife. But when Connie begins an affair, Ed hires a detective to trail her. One thing leads to another and Ed has murder on his hands. (Sexuality, language and violence.)

Saturday

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (G, 4 p.m.)

Animated. A wild mustang stallion, Spirit, journeys through the untamed American frontier. Encountering man for the first time, Spirit defies being broken, even as he develops a friendship with a young Lakota brave. The courageous young stallion also finds love with a beautiful mare on his way to becoming one of the greatest unsung heroes of the Old West.

The Rookie (G)

The true story of high school science teacher and baseball coach, Jim Morris, who makes a deal with his team: if they make the playoffs, he'll try out for a pitcher position with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. The big surprise is that he makes the team, fulfilling his lifelong dream at the age of 35.

Unfaithful (10 p.m.)

Sunday

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (1 p.m.)

Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (4 p.m.)

Clockstoppers (PG)

Zak discovers an odd wristwatch amidst his father's inventions and something very strange happens. The world around him seems to come to a stop. Zak quickly learns how to manipulate the device and starts to have some fun. (Violence and language.)

Monday

Clockstoppers

Tuesday

Unfaithful

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Eifel lodging renaissance fair celebrates 'Knight Inn the Eifel'

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Spangdahlem Air Base's Eifel Arms Inn celebrates a "Knight Inn The Eifel" with a renaissance fair Saturday in the grassy lot beside the facility.

The event is based on lodging's theme of providing a stay "fit for a king," according to John Brunfeldt, 52nd Services Squadron lodging facilities general manager.

"We'll have all types of events from dancing to crafts to simulated one-on-one battles," he said. "We'll also have children's games, which should make the event fun for the whole family."

Children can look forward to participating in such activities as horseshoe and beanbag tosses, tug-of-war tournaments, dragon coloring and face painting.

Lodging's claim to offering its customers royal treatment is backed up by its record, said Brunfeldt.

"We support the Spangdahlem community providing top quality rooms at a reasonable price. TDY and PCS personnel arriving and departing Spangdahlem can be assured of a clean, comfortable place to stay."

Air Force lodging officials seem to



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Elena Lupertz, Eifel Arms Inn, stocks a cart with fresh supplies for a guestroom. The Air Force Innkeeper Evaluation Team inspects base lodging facilities this week.

agree. For three consecutive years, the Eifel Arms Inn has been selected as U.S. Air Forces in Europe's best small lodging operation. Air Force officials also deemed 52nd Services Squadron lodging the best worldwide in 2000.

"We're always busy looking for self-help projects," Brunfeldt said. "During the past year, we've built a patio, planted new flower beds, and touched-up paint throughout the facility."

In addition to 166 rooms, including protocol and standard business suites, visitors quarters, and two- and three-bedroom temporary living facilities, Eifel Arms Inn also offers comfort and quality-

of-life services. The most popular services include a small fitness center, video checkout and an on-premises massage therapist, to help customers unwind.

Additionally, lodging has Value Added Tax forms available for purchase daily. Using VAT forms can save visitors and local military residents 16 percent in German sales tax when shopping on the local economy.

"We can even purchase fresh fruit or specialty baskets with 72-hour notice," said the manager.

Customers appreciate lodging's efforts to provide excellent service by giving the facility high ratings on comment cards.

"Thanks to the entire staff of the Eifel Inn for wonderful hospitality displayed. Your enthusiasm and commitment to your guests is evident," said one recently submitted.

Comments such as these don't come without a price, said the lodging manager. It takes a daily commitment to serving people.

"Everyday the services squadron touches everyone on this base one way or another," Brunfeldt said. "We must provide excellence in every room, every day. That excellence is not found in being your best, but in doing your best."

Eifel Sports World

Barons ends season

Eifel Barons ended the youth sports Big League baseball season splitting a doubleheader this past weekend against the Ramstein Rebels.

The Barons lost the first game 13-0 to the number one team in the league. In the first game, the Rebels pitched a no-hitter going into the bottom of the seventh inning. Andy Flores ruined the Rebels hopes of the first potential no-hitter of the season with a base hit.

In the second game, the Barons woke up and handed the Rebels its second loss of the season 6-1. Baron pitcher Tyler Romano and defensive plays by Flores, Jacob McMahn, Anthony Fomicola, Cevin Cox and Josh Blake shut down the Rebels offense. Romano struck out seven batters in the contest. McMahn, who had a triple and double, and Blake, who hit a home run to seal the victory, led the offense. (Contributed by Senior Master Sgt. Andy Flores, 52nd Services Squadron.)

Sabers claim tourney victory

Spangdahlem Air Base men's varsity softball team, the Sabers, went undefeated with a 5-0 record and won the Ramstein Invitational Softball Tournament.

The team opened the tournament playing Kitzingen in their first game. Trailing 18-11 in the last inning, the men scored eight runs in their last at bat to win the game 19-18.

In their second game, the Sabers soundly defeated Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, 29-11. In the last game Saturday, Spang defeated the two-time defending U.S. Air Forces in Europe champions, RAF Lakenheath, England, 22-10.

Sunday, the Sabers played Ramstein to decide which team would go to the championship. In a see-saw game, the Sabers pulled out a 17-15 victory. In the title match, Ramstein came out firing, leading 15-2 after the team's first two at-bats. Inspired by a home-run hit by Carlos Messer, the Sabers claimed a 24-16 victory and the championship.

The win gives the Sabers their second tournament title of the year and a 20-6 season record. The Sabers go on to play a doubleheader against Hanau on the base softball fields Saturday at 12:30 p.m. (Contributed by Tech. Sgt. Brian Doyle, Sabers coach)

BHS honors star athletes

Bitburg High School named siblings as athletes of the year. Travis and Katie Carr, children of BHS football coach Rik Carr, received the honor during a school awards ceremony May 30.

Travis graduated this year. During the past four years he competed for the Barons in every season and earned 12 varsity letters. He specialized in football, basketball and soccer. Despite the demand of sports, he demonstrated academic achievement by maintaining a 3.5 grade-point average all four years and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Katie is a junior who played on the BHS volleyball, basketball and soccer teams for the past three years. She demonstrated her leadership as the captain of the winning volleyball and basketball teams. The volleyball team placed second in Europe and Katie received Honorable Mention at All-Conference. In basketball, Katie inspired the Lady Barons to become the number one team in Europe. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has maintained a plus-3.5 grade-point average.

During the ceremony, BHS officials also honored Jordan Matthews and Kristen Pope as sportspeople of the year.

Matthews is a sophomore student-athlete who competes in tennis, cheerleading and soccer. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average.

Pope is a junior who competes in cross-country and soccer. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has also maintained a 4.0 grade-point average. (Contributed by Denny Lemmon, Bitburg High School Barons coach)